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BLM CONTINUES WITH RIVERWAY PROJECT

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be continuing with the riparian restoration project along the Colorado River between Goose Island Campground and Hittle Bottom Campground in the next few weeks.

Previously, in the summer of 2004, contract crews were brought in to cut and pile the over abundant tamarisk trees. The goal of the project is to reduce the impact the invasive species have made on the Colorado shoreline and riparian ecosystems.

Pending weather conditions, BLM crews will start burning the piles as early as the week of August 8th and will continue into winter months or until the project is completed. The crews will begin burning the piles in areas along the river corridor that offer the greatest opportunity to meet the resource objectives while minimizing the negative impacts such as the risk of potential negative impacts or smoke management issues.

Drivers along the river corridor, as well as recreationists are encouraged to use caution while prescribed burn activities are occurring. Warning signs will be placed along highway 191 during burning operations to inform the public regarding project efforts and locations.

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